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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-19 are pending in the application, that claims 1-14 are withdrawn from consideration, leaving Claims 15-19 for consideration. Claims 15-17 have been canceled and Claim 18 has been amended, leaving Claims 18-19 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of independent Claim 15 and dependent Claims 16-17.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Objection to Claims 18 & 19

Examiner has objected to Claims 18 and 19 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. The Examiner noted that Claims 18 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of independent Claim 15 and dependent Claims 16 and 17. By this Amendment, Claim 18 has been amended to include all the limitations of independent Claim 15 and dependent Claims 16-17. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 18 and 19 are in a condition of allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 18 and 19 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

For the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Reply or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 503125 maintained by applicants' agent.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 503125.

Respectfully submitted,

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